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SUBJECT: OVERALL REVIEW

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1. MATSUURA, FONOFF, INFORMED SCICOUNS TODAY THAT DR. SABURO OKITA, PREVIOUSLY SELECTED AS EXPERT MEMBER OF JAPANESE SIDE OF REVIEW PANEL, HAD AGREED TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, IN PLACE OF DR. KAYA. FONOFF NOW APPROACHING DR. NAKAI, PROF OF MEDICINE, TOKYO UNIVERSITY, AS THIRD MEMBER. SINCE PROBLEM OF CHAIRMANSHIP NOW RESOLVED, COMPLETION OF SELECTION OF JAPANESE SIDE OF PANEL BECOMES MUCH SIMPLER, AND MATSUURA EXPECTS THAT DR. NAKAI WILL ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT.

2. MATSUURA ALSO TOOK OCCASION OF PASSING ON THIS INFORMATION TO REASSURE SCICOUNS OF SERIOUS JAPANESE INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT, WHICH AFTER AN ADMITTEDLY SLOW START, HAS NOW ATTRACTED GENUINE ENTHUSIASM AT POLICY LEVEL IN GOJ.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: SELECTION OF OKITA AS CHAIRMAN, IN PLACE OF KAYA, REPRESENTS IN OUR VIEW NET GAIN. WHILE DR. KAYA IS HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED SENIOR SCIENTIFIC STATESMAN, OKITA IS FAR MORE VIGOROUS AND ARTICULATE THINKER WHO, MOREOVER, DOES NOT HAVE, AS DID KAYA, A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW. SELECTION OF DR. NAKAI WOULD PROVIDE DESIRABLE BALANCE OF LIFE SCIENTIST ON JAPANESE SIDE OF REVIEW PANEL. EMBASSY
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ACCEPTS FONOFF EVALUATION THAT REVIEW HAS ACQUIRED STATUS AS

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